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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

INVENTOR: **Hiroshi NAKAYAMA**  
FOR: LANCET DEVICE AND CASE THEREFOR

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 26 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ Priority Claimed.
- ☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. JP2003-118738
- ☒ 8 sheets of formal drawing.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD  
and the assignment recordation fee.
- ☒ An associate power of attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

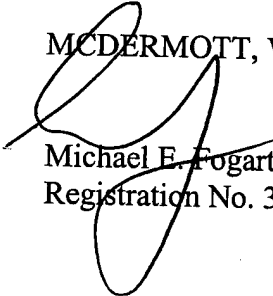
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